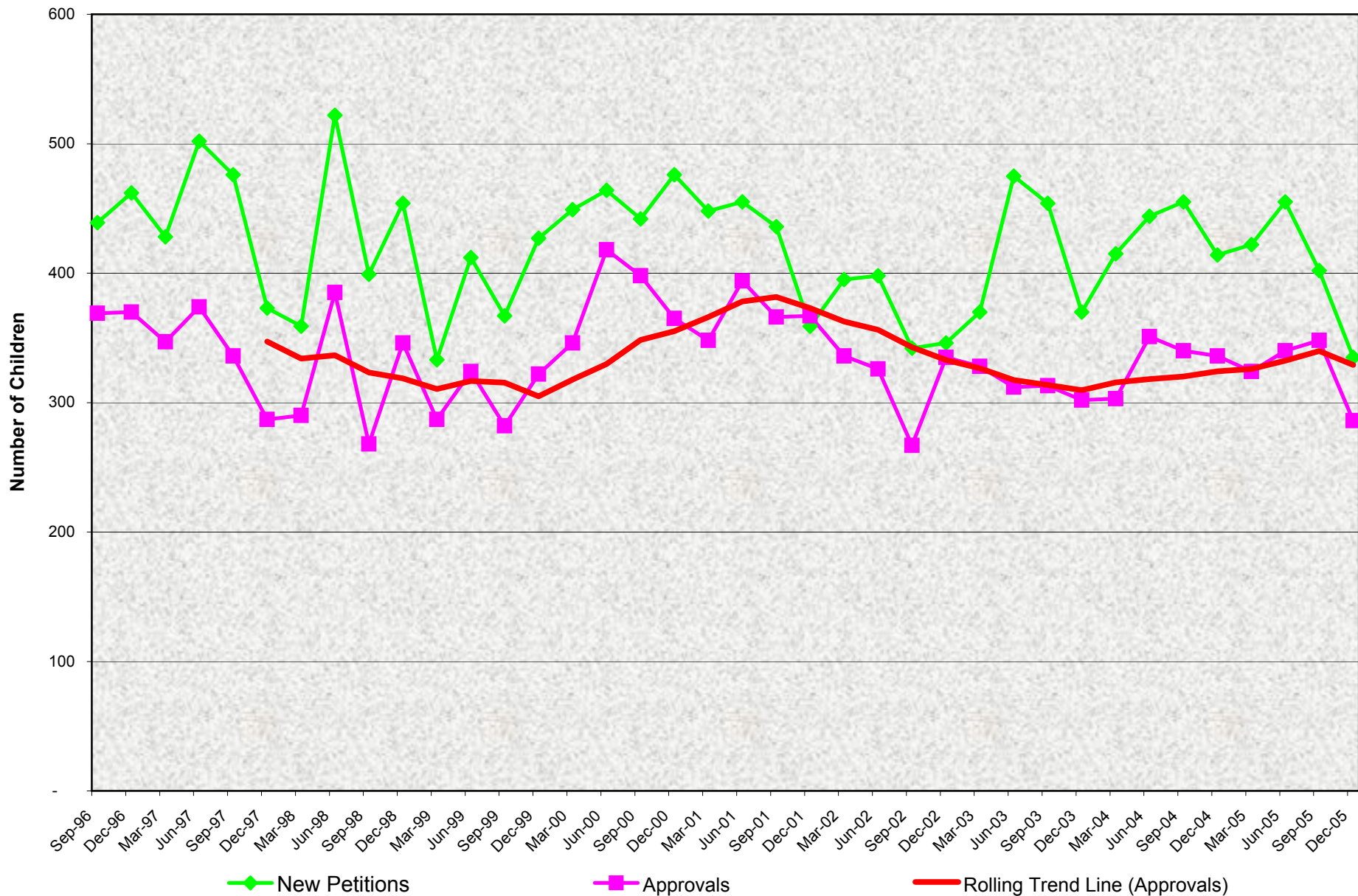


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**QUARTERLY PERCENT CHANGE**

FY		Jul - Sep Quarter	% Change	Oct - Dec Quarter	% Change	Jan - Mar Quarter	% Change	Apr - Jun Quarter	% Change
96/97	New Petitions Approvals	439	Previous Data	462	5.2%	428	-7.4%	502	17.3%
		369	Unavailable	370	0.3%	347	-6.2%	374	7.8%
97/98	New Petitions Approvals	476	-5.2%	373	-21.6%	359	-3.8%	522	45.4%
		336	-10.2%	287	-14.6%	290	1.0%	385	32.8%
98/99	New Petitions Approvals	399	-23.6%	454	13.8%	333	-26.7%	412	23.7%
		268	-30.4%	346	29.1%	287	-17.1%	324	12.9%
99/00	New Petitions Approvals	367	-10.9%	427	16.3%	449	5.2%	464	3.3%
		282	-13.0%	322	14.2%	346	7.5%	418	20.8%
00/01	New Petitions Approvals	442	-4.7%	476	7.7%	448	-5.9%	455	1.6%
		398	-4.8%	365	-8.3%	348	-4.7%	394	13.2%
01/02	New Petitions Approvals	436	-4.2%	359	-17.7%	395	10.0%	398	0.8%
		366	-7.1%	367	0.3%	336	-8.4%	326	-3.0%
02/03	New Petitions Approvals	342	-14.1%	346	1.2%	370	6.9%	475	28.4%
		267	-18.1%	335	25.5%	328	-2.1%	312	-4.9%
03/04	New Petitions Approvals	454	-4.4%	370	-18.5%	415	12.2%	444	7.0%
		313	0.3%	302	-3.5%	303	0.3%	351	15.8%
04/05	New Petitions Approvals	455	2.5%	414	-9.0%	422	1.9%	455	7.8%
		340	-3.1%	336	-1.2%	324	-3.6%	340	4.9%
05/06	New Petitions Approvals	402	-11.6%	335	-16.7%				
		348	2.4%	286	-17.8%				

**TRENDS**

- Because the adoption process requires time, the number of Approvals Recommended reflects New Petitions to Adopt submitted in prior quarters.
- Typically, more adoptions are processed at the end of the fiscal year resulting in an annual cyclical peak in adoption activity.
- Recommendations to the court are usually, but not always, followed by the court in their final determinations.